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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR BOLEN CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER

1. PRIME MINISTER MAKHOSINI DLAMINI HELD UNUSUALLY LONG CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR ON LATTER'S INITIAL CALL APRIL 22. PM INITIATED CONVERSATION WITH EXPRESSION APPRECIATION AMERICAN ASSISTANCE IN PAST. AMBASSADOR COMPLIMENTED PRIME MINISTER ON EVIDENT PROGRESS SWAZILAND AND EXPRESSED ESTEEM HELD BY USG, PRIVATE CITIZENS AND GROUPS FOR KINGDOM.

2. RANGE OF TOPICS INCLUDED:

A. CONSTITUTION. PRIME MINISTER SAID MOST IMPORTANT PART OF CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS NOW IN PROGRESS WITH COMMISSION STUDYING NEEDS AND DESIRES SWAZI PEOPLE. PRIME MINISTER SAID MOST TIME WASTED IN CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS
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BY ATTORNEYS IN DRAFTING DOCUMENT. HIS OPINION WAS ONCE

NECESSITIES DETERMINED CONSTITUTION WOULD EMERGE SHORTLY THEREAFTER AND NATION WOULD RETURN "TO PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM." PRIME MINISTER NOTED IN PASSING SWAZILAND CONSTITUTION SUPPOSEDLY DERIVED FROM BRITISH CONSTITUTION EVEN THOUGH LATTER UNWRITTEN.

B. UBLS DEVOLUTION. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM AMBASSADOR ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE PRIME MINISTER SAID SWAZILAND NEEDED AGRICULTURE COLLEGE AND WOULD RETAIN IT. HE SAID IT APPEARED LATEST UBLS COUNCIL MEETING HAD BEEN STALEMATED BY INABILITY RESOLVE DEVOLUTION QUESTION. ALTHOUGH SWAZILAND COMMITTEE HAD NOT YET REPORTED TO HIM, HE SAID, IT APPEARED LESOTHO DID NOT WISH RELEASE FACULTIES. HE REGRETTED SITUATION, SAYING, "IT APPEARS WE ARE IN A POSITION OF EVERYONE BIDDING FOR THE BEST."

C. ECONOMIC GOALS. PRIME MINISTER DECLARED FIRST PRIORITY IS TO MAKE AGRICULTURE PROFITABLE FOR SWAZI FARMER AND IMPROVE QUALITY RURAL LIFE TO CHECK URBAN MIGRATION. ALONG WITH THIS SWAZILAND INTENDED SEEK RAPID INDUSTRIALIZATION IN ORDER BALANCE ECONOMY.

D. PEACE CORPS. FORMER TEACHER MAKHOSINI WAS GLOWING ON CONTRIBUTION PEACE CORPS HAD MADE TO DEVELOPMENT SWAZILAND. HE SPOKE IN DETAIL OF CONTINUING NEED FOR MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHERS AND OF PEACE CORPS UNIQUE ABILITY MEET THIS NEED SWAZILAND.

3. IN UNPRECEDENTED MOVE, KING SOBHUZA II HAS ASKED MRS. BOLEN ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR TO PRESENTATION CEREMONY. BOLEN

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